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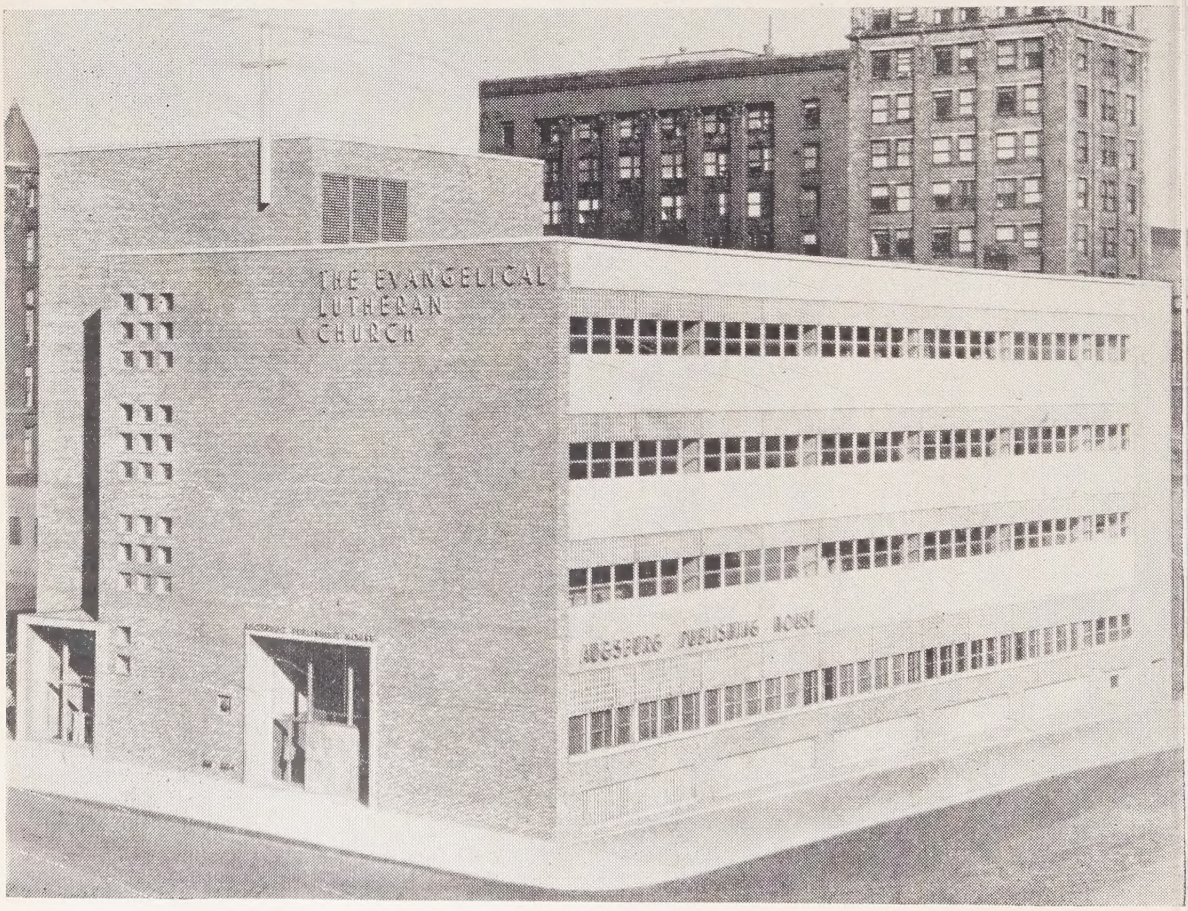

VIEW FROM THE CORNER OF FIFTH STREET AND FIFTH AVENUE

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o Serve e Church

ors to Augsburg Publishing House and the church s of late have been somewhat confused to find y of the Augsburg offices transferred and a beauti- ew building standing at the corner of Fifth Street Fifth Avenue in Minneapolis. In order that our rs may become acquainted with the new arrange- , we present here a story of the progress which has made and certain details which will no doubt be terest.

cond, third, and fourth floors will be occupied by ELC offices, departments, and auxiliaries, and it is cted that the transferring of these offices will take in the very near future. Separate entrances are ided for the church offices and for Augsburg.

ith the new building Augsburg has increased its by 38,000 square feet. An extremely overcrowded tion is thus alleviated and should result in increased ency in production, shipping, stock control, and procedure. The additional space should mean that hases of activity at Augsburg will be more efficient- ordinated. The church offices, too, will have their shipping facilities.

l space being used at present, both that owned and which is being rented, will be retained by Augs- , with the exception of one stockroom. In other ls, Augsburg is expanding its facilities, it is not just ng into new quarters.

new building is reinforced concrete with an exterior rick, with Mankato stone spandrels and trim. It mpletely air-conditioned. The heating system is a ination of gas and oil, with electronic control. rescent light, acoustic ceiling, a pneumatic tube m connecting throughout the buildings, the sprinkling sys- with ADT service, all are fea- of the new building.

e present buildings are con- d with the new by a tunnel n makes possible a flow of production between the buildings on a floor level.

A sub-basement contains the boiler room, air-conditioning compressors, and mechanical devices.

On the pressroom floor, or Lower Level, all of the offset presses are located. The cutting machines and all related machinery are there also, making possible "production-line" printing, cutting, wrapping, and shipping of lithographic productions. A stock of offset paper, ample for current use, will be stored on the Lower Level.

A new two-color Miehle offset press, built in Germany, has been installed in addition to those already in operation. The new press takes a 36 by 48-inch sheet and runs 7,500 impressions an hour.

A dial-phone intercommunication system links all of the Augsburg departments and offices (new and present buildings) as well as the ELC offices, departments, and auxiliaries. A telephone equipment room is located on the Lower Level.

The Mezzanine Floor provides space for supplies for the production department. Here are stored offset plates, inks, and supplies for the general office. The Production Manager's office overlooks the entire pressroom from this floor. A kitchen and the employees' recreation room are also found on the Mezzanine.

The general office is on the First Floor. Included are the accounting, credit, billing, purchasing, wholesale and advertising, special-order, and subscription departments. The office of the general manager, Randolph E. Haugan, will be on this floor, also other private offices. A Board Room will accommodate conferences.

Plans have been made for extensive improvements to the present buildings. Again, the purpose is that of increased efficiency so as to serve Augsburg customers better. Now that offices have been moved into the new building, it will be possible to assign additional space to the Bookstore. The store will be remodeled and enlarged for better handling and display of merchandise. The Shipping Room will be relieved of its cramped

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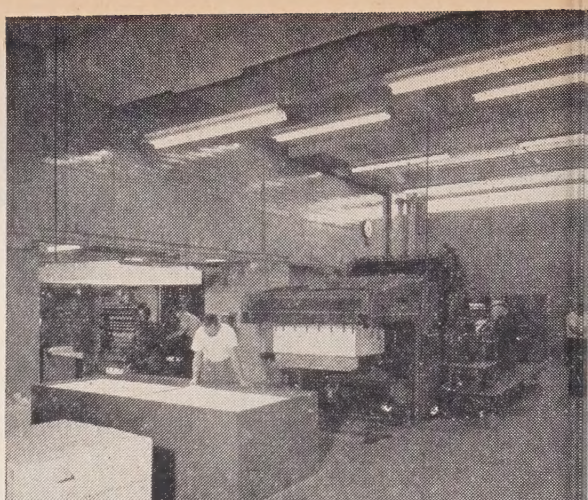
Looking at a model of the new APH-ELC building: Dr. J. A. Aasgaard, ELC president; T. G. Overson, church investment manager; N. A. Kirkeberg, APH controller; and Dr. R. E. Haugan, APH general manager.



One section of the offset pressroom in basement

conditions by getting more space, and this in turn will mean improvements in the system of filling and packing orders.

There will be changes made in the bindery and in the mailing rooms with an aim to departmentalize the functions of these. Space limitations have made this impossible heretofore. The editorial and other offices have been relocated, and improvements made to take care of the house library and reference room.

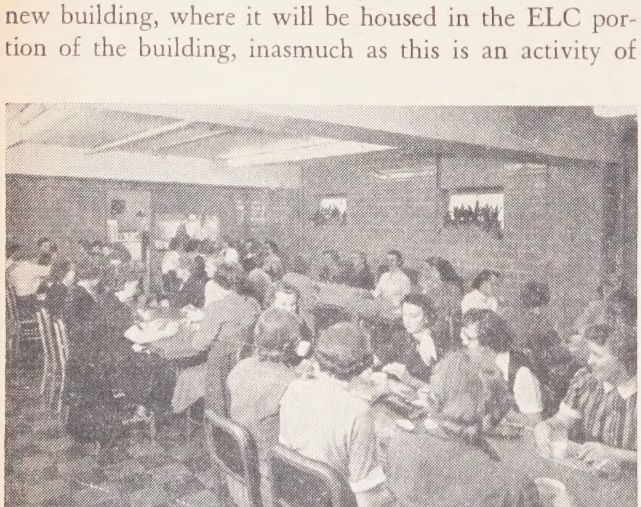
The editorial offices of *Lutheranerën* and the Sunday school papers will now be found on third floor of the old building, and LUTHERAN HERALD on the ground floor.

The branch studio of WCAL radio station (Northfield) will be moved from its present location into the new building, where it will be housed in the ELC portion of the building, inasmuch as this is an activity of the Church rather than of Augsburg Publishing H

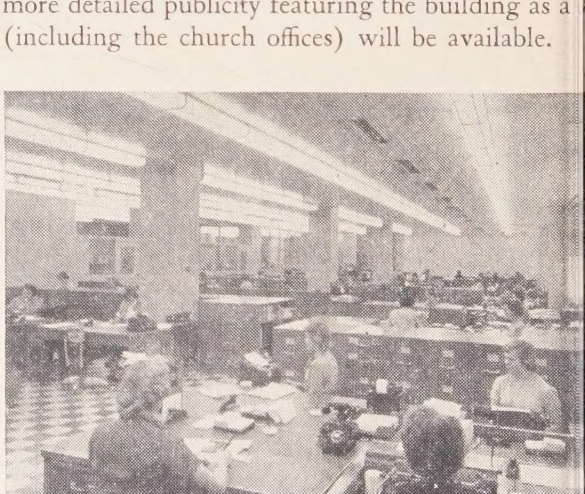
As this appears in print, plans are being carrie for laying the cornerstones of the building on Dec 10 at 9:00 a.m. Dr. J. A. Aasgaard will be the off assisted by Dr. H. L. Foss, Dr. Selmer Berge, Dr. Reinertson, Dr. O. G. Malmin, and Mr. T. G. Ov

Included in the cornerstones will be copies Bible and the ELC hymnary, annual reports Church for 1917 and 1953, and the ELC consti The ELC stone will also contain biographical sk of ELC pastors since 1843; Augsburg's will includ ples of their publications.

Dedication of the new building will take plac June during the Biennial Convention. At this ti open house for the whole building will be held more detailed publicity featuring the building as a (including the church offices) will be available.



Augsburg employees' lunchroom



One section of Augsburg's general office

oneer Church Iowa

year 1853 is not remembered as one which added congregations to the roster of the church bodies making up The Evangelical Lutheran Church. A superficial check discovers only seven of the pres-ngregations of the ELC which reached the century in 1953.

ong them is First Lutheran Church, St. Ansgar, which celebrated its centennial in June. It seems that we should single out this one for special ion in the year of the Norwegian Synod's cen-l. The people who moved to St. Ansgar and es-hed First Lutheran came largely from the older ments in Wisconsin—most of them from Rock (Luther Valley), where the Norwegian Synod stablished soon after they left for "the unknown ." Their leader and pastor was C. L. Clausen, one e men instrumental in bringing about the forma-f the Norwegian Synod. The congregation became mber of the Synod in 1854.

ordingly, we are here reprinting (in abbreviated) the history of First Lutheran of St. Ansgar as s prepared for the centennial. Joint authorship is nton C. Groth, Miss Elvina Erickson, and Halvor anson.—THE EDITOR.

O. A. Langehough, present pastor

First Lutheran Church of St. Ansgar

If we could have been here on June 17, 1853, we would have seen moving slowly across the prairies from the east, a winding thread of gray which as it came closer resolved itself into a line of covered wagons drawn by oxen, with a herd of cattle bringing up the rear. This long line of prairie schooners moving slowly from the east to west had as its cargo a people, bringing with them all their worldly goods with which they intended to build new homes in this new land. These people were the founders of St. Ansgar and our First Lutheran Church.

This migration was no haphazard movement but the result of careful investigation and planning. After much thought and prayer, the Rev. C. L. Clausen and a group of Norwegians at Rock Prairie, Wisconsin, decided to move westward and find a place to make their future homes. During 1850 and 1851 Pastor Clausen traveled through parts of Wisconsin and Minnesota looking for the best site for a future colony. In the spring of 1852, accompanied by two companions, while passing through Minnesota as far west as Albert Lea, he decided to turn south into northern Iowa. After a short journey they came upon a small stream flowing in a southeasterly direction which they named Deer Creek. They followed it to its entrance into the Cedar River. They explored the woods along the river. They noted the vast prairies both to the east and to the west. Here were fertile soil, good drainage, pure water, and plenty of timber and building stone for the buildings they would erect. This was the place for their colony. They hastened back to Wisconsin with the good news and made preparations for the trip.

The following May, 1853, this fleet of prairie schooners of thirty wagons, about seventy-five people, three horses, one carriage, and one hundred and fifty cattle started out. In so vast and trackless a wilderness, it was easy to take different routes and this company divided, although both were working toward the same goal—a new home in the Cedar valley. They all had faith in their pastor, faith that he was leading them right. He had proved himself wise, just, capable, and honest. His advice was to be heeded at all times, and they were willing to trust him in this new venture of finding homes. This was the fleet of prairie schooners which we would have seen if we could have been on watch this June in 1853, carrying a people slowly westward until they reached the spot where they were to establish homes for themselves and their children.

One can picture the hardships of this westward trip, the weariness of it. Their goal was certain—westward over the prairies of Wisconsin, crossing the Mississippi on a ferry at McGregor, over the prairies of Iowa, through sloughs, across rivers, through woods, passing a Norwegian settlement at Calmar, until, between the 16th and 18th of June, 1853, these people reached the place which through the earnest leadership of a pastor, the energetic efforts of a people, and by the grace of God was destined to become the town of St. Ansgar.

The St. Ansgar Congregation was organized by Rev. C. L. Clausen on December 4, 1853. The church was incorporated under the laws of the State of Iowa as the St. Ansgar Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church on October 7, 1863, and was re-incorporated in January, 1928; when the name was changed to First Lutheran.

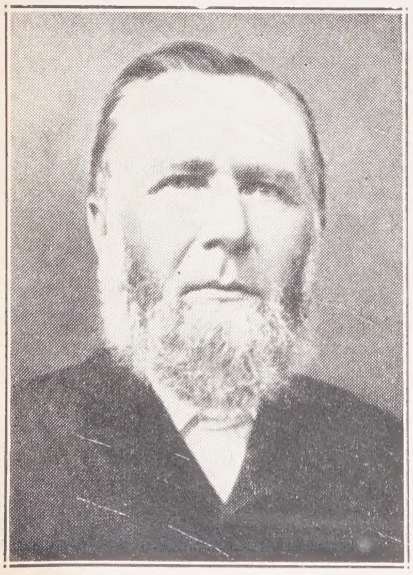
The first Board of Trustees was: Halvor Anderson (Braaten), Andrew Hanson, Assor Halstenson C Lars O. Anderson and A. Colbjorn Seaver.

By-laws were adopted January 5, 1878, and s by the Rev. J. Olsen as chairman and Knud Ass as secretary.

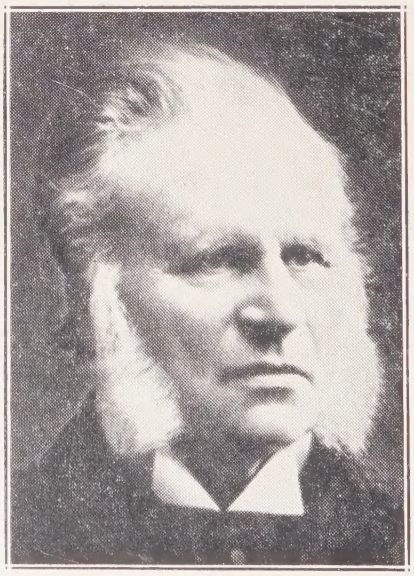
During the fall of 1853 and the years 1854 and many new immigrants came here to join the settlement. All of these immigrants who settled i vicinity were Lutherans, and they were a religious ple. Public worship was conducted in a small log the first Sunday they were here, the last Sunday in 1853. Often they gathered under an oak beside a log cabin and with hymns of praise and prayers thanks to God who had brought them safely to new homes. Then the pastor read from the Bibl spoke a few words of guidance. Not once but times did the beautiful trees near the Clausen shelter the worshipping pioneers. They were n busy with their new settlement that they forgot almighty Maker.

Here by the Clausen home, also Pastor Olsen's and at the present time owned by C. G. Gund the first confirmation services were held on Ap 1855. In 1856 a log house was built to be used for and church. Later services were held in the stone house. Public worship was conducted there for years.

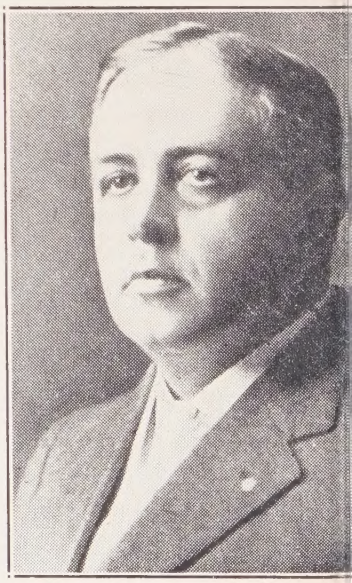
In 1864 work was begun on the building o beautiful stone church which has been the home First Lutheran congregation until the present d has been remodeled and redecorated several time has never been radically changed. All the early bers of the congregation took part in the building old stone church. They quarried the stone, slake



C. L. Clausen



Johan Olsen



M. E. Waldeland

elled, sawed, and hauled the timbers. The masons he Rauk brothers and the Sveidengaard brothers, ne carpenters were Mikel Olsen and Ole Olsen lti. It was completed and dedicated in September,

first pipe organ was put in in 1882. The new r pipe organ was installed in 1933 and is still in A new entrance was built on the front of the n in 1941. New memorial pews were placed in lcony of the church in 1944. The Deagan chimes donated by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Swanson in 1946. and pulpit hangings were donated by the mission of the church in 1950. The altar cross and can- a were donated by the children of Mr. and Mrs. el Torblaa in memory of their parents in 1952. Schulmerich tower chimes were donated by Mr. Mrs. Ole Borsheim in memory of his parents, l and Brita Borsheim in 1952. The steeple cross onated by Mr. and Mrs. George Brenna in 1952. outdoor bulletin board was given by Mrs. Rose on Freise in 1946.

Lutheran Church bears the distinction of having ut four pastors in charge during the one hundred of its existence. The Rev. C. L. Clausen served early twenty years, the Rev. J. Olsen for thirty the Rev. M. E. Waldeland for twenty-five years, ne Rev. O. A. Langehough, the present pastor, for st twenty-five years.

tor C. L. Clausen was born at Aero, Denmark, nber 3, 1820. He was educated in Denmark and considerable time in Norway, having taken up us work there. While in Drammen he met a ant named Bache, who advised him to go to ica and take up religious work among the Norwe- mmigrants. This Clausen did, arriving at Muskego, nsin, in 1843. He was ordained to the ministry of utheran Church and was the second Scandinavian ran minister ordained in America. He spent the ew years preaching at various places in Wiscon- d Illinois and while on a trip to Iowa was the astor to preach a Norwegian sermon in the state va.

853 Pastor Clausen founded the town of St. Ans- nd organized the congregation there, this being rst Lutheran congregation in Mitchell County. as the first school teacher, the first Justice of the and the first School Fund Commissioner (Coun- perintendent) in the county. Pastor Clausen or- d a great many Lutheran congregations in north- wa and southern Minnesota, numbering probably in all. He was a member of the Iowa State ature in 1856. From 1853 to 1856 he was Com- ner of Immigration. He served his country as in of the famous 15th Wisconsin Regiment in the Civil War from 1861 to 1862. On account of ill health, Pastor Clausen resigned his pastorate in 1872 and moved to Virginia. In 1878 his health was so far restored that he accepted a call to be pastor of the Austin, Red Oak Grove, and Blooming Prairie congregations in Minnesota. He passed away February 22, 1892, in Seattle, Washington, and was laid to rest in the Austin, Minn., cemetery.

He was married twice. In 1843, just before leaving Denmark for the United States, he married Martha Rasmussen. She was the author of the hymn, "And Now We Must Bid One Another Farewell." She died in 1846. In 1847 he married Bergitte Benson Brekke. She died in 1887 and is also buried in the Austin cemetery. Five sons and a daughter survived him.

Following are the baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and burials by the four pastors—Clausen, Olsen, Waldeland, and Langehough from September 11, 1853 to June 1, 1953.

There were 2,232 baptized by Pastor Clausen in all congregations started by him from September 11, 1853, to January 1, 1873. Four hundred and twenty-one were confirmed in this congregation in seventeen classes from April 13, 1855, to May 7, 1872. The first class was confirmed on April 13, 1855, with 14 members. There were 285 marriages by Pastor Clausen from June 18, 1854, to February 1, 1873. The first marriage was Torgrim Larson to Kari Larsdatter in 1854. There were 449 burials by Pastor Clausen in all of his congregations from 1853 to 1873.

Baptisms by Pastor Olsen were 985 from February, 1873, to November, 1903; 656 were confirmed in 31 classes from July, 1873 to July, 1903; 260 couples were married, and there were 204 burials from 1873 to 1903.

Two hundred and ninety-two were baptized, 268 confirmed in 22 classes, 95 marriages, and 251 burials by Pastor Waldeland from 1903 to 1927.

From 1927 to January 1, 1953, there were 370 baptisms, 286 confirmed in 21 classes, 111 marriages, and 242 burials by Pastor Langehough.

The St. Ansgar Seminary. The pioneer Norwegian Lutherans of this community already in the early days cherished the idea that an institution of higher education should be established in their midst. In 1878 Mr. H. S. Houg was induced to open a private high school in two vacant rooms in the public school building. The school opened October 1, 1878. In 1880 the rooms used by the school were needed by the school district and a hall on the second floor of a vacant store on main street in the west part of town was rented. There the school work was carried on the next two years.

Encouraged by the success of the first two years, the St. Ansgar High School Association was organized on

October 1, 1880. The board of trustees was authorized to commence the erection of a building as soon as the subscription of $2,000 was secured. In 1882 the building was completed, and on October 10, 1882, it was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies. H. S. Houg remained as principal until 1890. Other early teachers were O. O. Donhowe, M. N. Clausen, A. P. Golberg, Mrs. Sigurd Olsen, and C. Stenvig. Later teachers were K. Lokensgaard, P. J. Eikeland, Sigurd Olsen, J. O. Sethre, M. R. Odegaard, E. G. Mellem, C. C. Swain, and George W. Mohn. In 1903 the seminary celebrated its 25th anniversary in connection with the 50th anniversary of the First Lutheran congregation.

During its existence, the seminary did what now be called high school and junior college wor also gave some religious instruction. Of the man dents that attended the school, many later occ prominent positions in the Church and State.

After a long career of usefulness, conditions w against continuing the school. High school worl added to the grade work in the public schools. colleges were started nearby, and much of the fin support was lost. This made it seem unwise to co to maintain the seminary, and it was discontinu 1910. The main building still stands and is still u a parish house by the local congregation.

Volunteers for the Lord's Army

Carlyle W.

Recent magazine articles and newspaper stories tell us there aren't enough volunteers to keep up the strength of our armed forces. What is more, many men in training for officers' commissions are resigning as soon as they have the opportunity. It is only because of the policy of conscription that the result of this situation is not reflected in our nation's armed strength.

There have been times when men have volunteered to serve—and those were the easy times for procurement officers. Without entering into a debate on the merits of volunteering for military service, we simply want to point out that our Church today is in this favored position, for the Church is faced with the possibility of adding thousands of young volunteers to the fighting and working army of the Lord.

A Convention of Volunteers

The record of youth work in the Church during the past year is an indication of the willingness of youth to serve—on a volunteer basis. Close to eight thousand young people were registered at the Fargo-Moorhead Luther League convention. They were there because they wanted to attend, and they were loyal to every part of the convention activities—participating in worship, Bible study, personal problem discussions, vocational panels, and the mass convention meetings for information and inspiration. Two hundred young people worked hard to create the convention band, and hundreds more volunteered who could not be accepted into the group. Thousands of youth volunteered to sing in the Choral Union. Local Leaguers volunteered for preconvention arrangements and for the most menial chores during the convention. Back of every Leaguer attending the convention were about ten other Leaguers who worked and planned and gathered funds to send the delegates to Fargo-Moorhead. And all of them were volunteers.

We Must Train Them for Service

Fifteen thousand more volunteers jammed our camps last summer. Sometimes there was so muc thusiasm for camp that some Leaguers had to be t away for lack of space. The reaction of our camp l can be paraphrased to report that these young were willing and eager to serve the Lord, and tha eagerness grew as a direct result of the Bible experience.

Perhaps the nine hundred Leaguers who were t at our leadership schools last summer were n volunteers in the strict sense, but they attended, k ing what they were getting into—the intensive and work sessions aimed at producing real youth l

Photo by the Milwaukee

"Learning to lead" at the Luther League Leadership Sch Milwaukee State Teachers College last summer are (clockwise Boldstad, Milwaukee; Bette Solheim and Pauline Olson, M Wis.; Marge Collins, Chicago; Kathryn Jonas, dean of wo the school; Janice Vaughn, Chicago; Dave Wheeler and Krueger, Milwaukee; and Bill Miller, Cleveland, president leadership school.

local Luther Leagues. At the conclusion of the
g period, the response was almost unanimous,
I want to go back home and put these ideas to
Very few resignations from this corps!

more report on young volunteers. During the
veral weeks, the young people of our Church
een confronted with the challenging proposals of
outh Education in Stewardship program, now
promoted by the Luther League for the entire
n. Pastors and local youth leaders report that
ids are eating it up," and "we can't get going
ough to please them." Youth volunteering for
ated and informed stewardship!

, what do we do with volunteers? We accept
don't we? Train them, put them to work. Be
at we have a ready reserve of willing volunteers
n't have to conscript. That's exactly what our
program attempts to do. We are not kidding
es; not all our youth are volunteering—any more
l their parents are. But there are enough of them
t we are hard pressed to keep processing the
s and preparing them for the service which they
ve.

ortunities for Active Service

ery fact explains a great number of the Luther
's plans for ensuing months. Because of the
f volunteers to Bible camp, and because these
rs want to do something and not just have things
or them, the annual Bible Camp Conference
nsider the problem of "Youth Participation on
ble Camp Team." This meeting will be held at
sity Lutheran Church of Hope in Minneapolis
sday, January 19, 1954.

use Leaguers are volunteering to reach out in
lism to other youth, Saturday, January 23, during
angelism Conference at the Minneapolis Armory,
beamed at youth evangelism in home and school
mmunity.

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to initiate the Youth Education in Stewardship
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broader scale, because we in The Evangelical
n Church have volunteers for Christian service
ut of our youth group, our colleges have larger
nts, our seminary rolls are larger than ever,
and questions are continually asked, "How can I serve my Lord in my life's calling?"

Sometimes volunteers put a strain on the army. There are too many; they require equipment, training, mature supervision. But what if we didn't have volunteers? What then? What if we did not have this movement in our Church among our youth, this willing desire to serve? Would the future of our Church look as bright? No, we are not worried because we *have* volunteers, because we have an alert and consecrated group of youth in our midst.

Let's say we are concerned to draw forth the largest possible numbers of young volunteers, to give them the best possible training, to make the most use of them in the Lord's army.

Praise and Prayer

(Mel.: O Jesus, I Have Promised)

C. K. SOLBERG

We praise Thee, God, our Father
For Thy forgiving love,
For tender care and comfort
And blessings from above;
May we be Thy dear children
To serve Thee faithfully,
Defend us and defend us
Now and eternally.

We praise Thee, dear Lord Jesus,
For Thy redeeming grace,
And for Thy gracious Presence
To guide us on our ways;
Help us in faith to follow
Wherever Thou shalt lead.
From all our foes protect us,
Supply our every need.

We praise Thee, Holy Spirit,
For Thy baptismal grace,
For peace of heart and conscience
And power to walk Thy ways;
Infill us with Thy blessing,
And teach us how to pray.
Protect, correct, and guide us
That we may never stray.

Oh, Father, Son, and Spirit,
Most holy Trinity,
We praise Thee and adore Thee
For mercy full and free;
We humbly bow before Thee,
And pray for grace each day,
That we at last in glory
May dwell with Thee for aye.

The Church's New Building

It was the Church itself, through action of successive general conventions, which decided that it needed the building which is featured in this issue. There was a double reason which moved those conventions to action. As far as Augsburg Publishing House is concerned, its work has doubled and redoubled so often that any one who made even the most casual investigation had to conclude that something drastic had to be done to provide more room. Therefore the Church, a number of years ago, authorized the Board of Publication to begin making plans and to set aside certain sums of money with the hope of providing more nearly adequate facilities.

The situation of the general offices of the Church was little better. It became necessary to rent more and more space at a high price. The auxiliaries were finally housed in a building several blocks from the rest of the offices. Even so, crowded conditions prevailed, with no hope of further expansion of needed facilities. Thus, the combination of "growing pains" for both publishing house and headquarters dictated the series of decisions which culminated in the action of the 1952 convention.

Immediate occasion for devoting so much space to the new building in this issue is that the two cornerstones—one for the part of the building occupied by Augsburg, the other for the part to be occupied by the church offices—were laid, with proper ceremonies, December 10. This seemed a good time to tell the Church about its new building, which we are attempting to do.

If the question arises why so much attention is being paid to the publishing house's part in the building and so little to the church headquarters, the explanation is simple. The part which is devoted to the publishing activities of the Church (basement, mezzanine, and first floor) was completed first and is already in use. The three stories which will house the church offices are not quite complete. Accordingly, it is impossible to picture them as they should be pictured.

The second reason is that a service of dedication of the entire building will be held in connection with the general convention next June. At that time we intend to picture that part of the building.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church may well be proud of its new building and happy over the progress which its erection symbolizes. When our fathers erected the old publishing house on the corner of Fourth Street and Fifth Avenue South, they probably little thought that the time would come when the fine new building at the other end of the block, *plus* the entire old building, *plus* a certain amount of space which will still have to be rented would be needed for its work. But that is exactly what has come to pass, and for it we ought to thank God.

EDIT

Put Christma

The only objection we have to the now so f slogan, "Put Christ Back in Christmas," is that not say quite what it means. Christmas is Chris son, and all the commercial emphasis in the wo not alter that fact. What we really mean is Christmas Back Where It Belongs." It is not who has been displaced from Christmas, it However, we certainly shall not belabor that p the slogan, "Put Christ Back in Christmas," ca the desired effect, we shall not quibble about w

The "Put Christ Back in Christmas" movem really gained momentum! It is not a "movem the sense that movements are usually centrally i and organized: as far as we know, it has no organization. It is rather the spontaneous revul people everywhere against the commercializa something which was intended to be holy. A understandable that there shall be such revulsi thought the climax had been reached last year w strains of "Holy Night" seemed to be heard ab days earlier than the already too early time become accustomed to hearing them. But ou managed to beat that by a good three weeks t when Christmas decorations began to make their ance while the sound of the lawn mower w being heard in the land.

Now, please, let no one say that we are conc business houses for making something of the season. We definitely are not. The brightly ligh beautifully adorned streets and shop windows much a part of the American scene as are the mas lights in the windows of our homes. Tha what people have come to object to. As we see rather some other aspects. One is that it all be far too early. Another is that the business w adopting the Christmas appurtenances which b the Church and the home, has robbed them of their real meaning. When one has had carol into his ears every time he has ventured f weeks and weeks, it doesn't mean so very muc they are sung around the Christmas tree. Whe mas trees have been part of the everyday scen or eight weeks, it takes the naive mind of a lit to see much wonder in the more humble tree t and Mother have been able to provide and ado home.

It has been interesting to watch the progres idea of "Put Christ Back in Christmas" across

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e It Belongs!

several years we have been taking special note of ncreasing number of stories carried, for instance, by *rious News Service* on the subject. Some cities seem ave left it to the churches to spearhead the move- t. But business houses, commercial clubs, luncheon s, and so on, in increasing numbers are becoming e. And that is all to the good. It demonstrates that ave not yet forgotten what Christmas stands for.

several weeks a pile of material on the subject been growing on the editor's desk. We really began accumulation because we had thought to write an le on something which occurred in one of our ches in Minneapolis a year ago. More about that . Then we began to receive so much related material we decided to pass some of it on to our readers in ore general way. Please note:

em. A 32-page booklet giving the text of a series adio addresses on the subject, delivered over a dle West network.

em. A song, complete with not-so-very-good lyrics a melody of sorts, which tries to say what needs e said. A phonograph record of the same.

em. A series of "glossy" photographs showing how greeting card industry is more and more turning eligious Christmas cards.

em. A lovely blue-and-silver box tied with wide ribbon containing no less than thirty religious istmas greeting cards, together with a lengthy re- e from an association of greeting card manufacturers. visitor to the office, seeing that box on the editor's while Christmas was still a long way off, con- ulated us on doing our Christmas shopping so y.)

em. A variety of car stickers, car cards, and what e you, all urging folks to "Put Christ Back in istmas."

inal Item. More letters on the subject than we have used to receiving.

nd that all adds up to what? That is a matter of rpretation, of course. To us it adds up to an encour- g situation. Not that we expect to see all the ideas ch are being proposed put into immediate practise. that we are anticipating a miraculous return to days of our childhood, when the only decorated istmas tree we saw before Dad and Mother ushered nto the parlor at home to see "our tree" was the one he schoolroom. Not that we expect that over night Christmas shall be back where it belongs. That would be expecting too much.

But we do anticipate that the movement will be along all the lines we have just indicated. And we expect that interest in the movement will continue to grow—and without hurting "Christmas business" one single cent's worth. Above all we expect that, for some people at least, Christmas will actually be back where it belongs—as the simple symbol of a simple event, the greatest event which has befallen this old world of ours in its long and sinful career. With that anticipation, we are understandably highly enthusiastic about any effort "To Put Christ Back in Christmas."

Logically, this editorial should have ended at the close of the previous sentence. However, as we mentioned at the outset, it was a program begun in one of the Minneapolis churches of the ELC which really inspired this editorial. The Church is Calvary Lutheran of Golden Valley, the Rev. E. A. Gjelten, pastor. Our informant is Mr. O. V. Crosby, a deacon and active Brotherhood worker. The Brotherhood of Calvary decided something over a year ago to see what the men could do to encourage their fellow church members and fellow citizens to "Put Christ Back in Christmas." With this in view, 11,000 car stickers were printed. Packets were sent to 55 selected churches throughout the city. While it is, of course, impossible to estimate how many of the stickers were used, certain it is that it was a familiar sight last year to see cars throughout the city encouraging all and sundry to "Put Christ Back in Christmas."

The Junior Chamber of Commerce, of which Mr. Crosby is a member, became interested. They prepared for general distribution 14,000 similar car stickers and had them widely distributed. On a national scale, the Junior Chamber of Commerce had a committee to work toward similar goals. This year, the same organization, in Minneapolis, is making use of 500 large cards for display in street cars and buses.

This is mentioned merely as an example of what can be done. We could multiply the story by at least fifty we have read from all over the nation.

However, we would like to go back to the point where we began. The place of Christ in Christmas is secure. Were no one left on earth who worshipped Him, Christmas would still be His; no one can, actually, take Christ out of Christmas. But it is easily possible to take us out of Christmas, and anything which tends to obscure for us the fact that Christ is in Christmas does just that. The world would be a pitiable place if that were to succeed. The one who does not know that Christ is Christmas and that Christmas is Christ is ignorant of the happiest and hopefulest fact in all the world.

Anniversary at Christ Church

Though it is ninety-five years since the first Lutheran congregation among Scandinavians was organized in the city of St. Paul, the oldest congregation of The Evangelical Lutheran Church celebrated its 85th anniversary with proper festivities on the week-end of October 25.

That a congregation had been organized as early as 1858 is well substantiated by an article which appeared in the *Church Monthly* (Kirkelig Maanedstidende) for August, 1858. There, in a report to the Church Council dated June 23, 1858, the Rev. Laur. Larsen, who at that time was pastor at Rush River, Wisconsin, states:

"I have already earlier organized small congregations in Hudson, Wisconsin, and Stillwater, Minnesota. When I left home on the third day of Pentecost, I visited these towns and conducted services on the evening of the third and fourth days of Pentecost, after which I traveled to St. Paul. I had been corresponding with the Norwegian Lutherans there since earlier that winter about the organizing of a Scandinavian congregation, which seemed desirable, because the congregation could soon become so large that it could do something to erect its own church and in time call its own pastor. There did not seem to be any difference in the doctrine, since the Danes and the Swedes in their native lands were considered to have a true Lutheran.

The remodeled interior of Christ Lutheran Church

The Reque Room

And furthermore, there was no Danish or Swe synod here in America which was truly Lutheran. congregation was therefore organized on the 28th of May and was incorporated the following day was given the name: 'The Scandinavian Evange Lutheran Church in St. Paul,' and it was also incl that they should seek their pastors from the Norwe Synod." (Translation by Pastor Clarence Lee.)

For about a year, Pastor Larsen continued to the new congregation, but in October of 1859 he bec a professor at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis moved there. During the years that followed, the gregation died out, and so had to be reorganized. took place on February 4, 1868, when "The Sca navian Lutheran Congregation" began its activitie year later the name was changed to "Norwegian E gelical Lutheran Congregation," and was incorpor under this name on December 20, 1869.

Three churches have served Christ Church du the eighty-five years of its history. The first church built at the corner of L'Orient and Mount Airy St in 1870. Being a poor location, this church was m to the corner of Thirteenth and Canada Streets in The church soon became too small, and a new ch was erected at the same location in 1884. Again church become too small, and in 1910 the first un a new church, located at the corner of University nue and Park Street, was taken into use. Lots for new church were given by Mr. Harold Thorson. first unit was an educational unit. The basement the new church was used for services from 191 1915 when the present church was dedicated. church, in Romanesque style, has a rated seating ca ity of 740, but can accommodate over 900 when occasion demands. A parsonage was built in conne with the church and parish house at the same time, served as the parsonage until 1951.

eparation for the 85th anniversary, the church has completely redecorated and in part remodeled. ection previously used for a parsonage is now by the congregation for offices, social rooms, and y school classrooms. A suite of three offices is l on the second floor. What was formerly the room and the dining room in the parsonage has remodeled and furnished as a social room and l the Reque Room, in memory of the late Pastor Mrs. S. T. Reque, who served Christ Church from o 1941.

tors who have served Christ Lutheran Church g its 85 years are Olaus A. Normann, H. G. Stub, Mohn, Olaus J. Breda, Jens Bale, Wilhelm Peter- O. Saeter, Thomas Nilsson, S. T. Reque, A. E. n, Joseph Simonson, and the present pastor, the M. A. Egge.

the eighty-fifth anniversary festivities the eleven sons of the congregation who have entered the Holy Ministry were honored, and five of them were able to participate in the programs. The eleven sons of the congregation are Olaf S. Ylvisaker, now retired; Dr. N. M. Ylvisaker, pastor of College Lutheran Church in San Diego, California; Dr. Sigurd S. Ylvisaker, now retired and residing in Texas; Pastor Clarence Lee of Caledonia, Minnesota; Dr. Carl B. Ylvisaker, who passed away in 1945; Dr. J. Wilhelm Ylvisaker, president of Luther College; Pastor O. Hjalmar Hove, general secretary of the ELC; Pastor Paul Hanson of Lemmon, S. Dak.; Pastor Rolf G. Hanson of Grand Marais, Minnesota; Pastor James D. Christensen of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and Pastor Alton Christensen of Rolfe, Iowa. A plaque listing the names of these men and the year in which each was ordained was dedicated at the anniversary program and placed in the chancel of Christ Church.

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y Kingdom Come

F. W. Thomsen

SKETCHES FROM A SUMMER IN COLOMBIA
(Sixth in a Series)

ıe at Medellin

g the last two days of our river trip we were reminded of the tensions in this region. Once we had to "park" along the Magdalena River since it was not possible to sail by night. We ed as one of the crew members picked up a large walked into the jungle, which was lighted by the from a large searchlight, and secured the boat to . One other boat, the *El Banco*, was tied beside *Medellin*. Next morning this smaller boat, the *El* led the way up the shallow river, measuring pth of the water. There was barely the necessary et of water to float the *Medellin*.

spent Sunday, June 28, quietly watching the peo- villages and towns. For the first time we saw iles sleeping on the sand bars. As we watched ver scene, our thoughts were miles away: I was ng about home and my congregation at Moor- Iowa; Arnfeld Morck and his wife often men- their children and friends waiting for their re-

ıt noon the following day we saw the high ıgs of Puerto Bereo rising above the green tree- t was not long before we docked, said goodbye Colombian friends, and waved a fond farewell *Medellin*, our home for eight days.

boarded the train for the last lap of the journey dellin. Also on board were week-end merry-makers, who were enjoying the birthday of Saints Peter and Paul with liquor and song. (Little did they know that it was also my birthday!. As the train wound its way up through the mountains, evening came on and the long shadows of the Andes darkened the valleys below. But this magic spell was broken by sudden entries into long tunnels, which forced smoke and soot into the coaches and left the passengers gasping and sneezing. At nine o'clock we saw the thousand lights of Medellin shimmering like a sea of stars.

A short taxi trip from the station brought us to the mission house. No sooner had the taxi stopped than mother and children were in each other's arms. During an enjoyable meal prepared by the Christian maid, we exchanged experiences. Others who call this place home, beside Arnfeld and Hilrud, are their three healthy, energetic children, Anita, "the Little Red Hen"; Alisita, "Peter Rabbit"; and Agnes, "Mother Goose." Never was there a dull moment when they were around. Also residing at the mission house are "Corny," Miss Cornelia Jensen, who teaches grade school to children of English-speaking residents of the city and also helps a great deal at the mission center, and Belva Nerlien, who helps Missionary Morck in the translation department. The "spunky" Christian faith of these people was a constant source of inspiration to me.

Before retiring, we all joined in devotions, giving thanks for God's providence on the long journey from the Caribbean coast.

News From Foreign Fields

Rolf A. S

Several missionaries are traveling these days, to and from the mission field. The Rev. Harold Martinson left November 19 from Hongkong, enroute to the United States for furlough. He will be residing in Northfield, Minnesota, his family having preceded him to this country.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. N. Otte sailed November 27 to Zululand, South Africa, via London, after a furlough period in this country. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Johnson of Seattle are enroute to Paris, where they will study the French language preparatory to going to the Sudan Mission field in the French Camerouns. Mr. Johnson will be establishing an industrial school in the Sudan on behalf of our mission.

Dr. Raymond Rowberg and family, who have been serving on the Lutheran World Federation staff in Tanganyika, sailed from Dar Es Salaam on December 3. They are sailing via Hongkong and Japan and hope to visit Dr. Skinsnes while in Hongkong.

Miss Laura Olson will leave for Madagascar on December 15, after a furlough period in this country.

We have received a letter from Miss Martha L. Pederson, informing us that she and the Carl Ottes had arrived safely in South Africa.

South Africa

Miss Martha Pederson, who has just arrived in Zululand, has taken over the duties as house mother for the home for the missionaries' children who are attending school. She writes about her early experiences in Zululand as follows:

"It has been good to meet the children of the hostel and also many of the parents. I have already spent a week at Entumeni with Emma Eide and Mildred Knapcik.

"My first week in Zululand was one of many first impressions in another country. I was deeply impressed with the harmony that comes from a land of much disharmony and tension. My first morning there I was awakened to the sound of music, and my curiosity aroused me from my bed at 5:30 to see a young Zulu going into town playing a guitar and singing as he walked. Later that morning I heard four-part harmony coming from the kitchen, and it was morning devotion time for the workers at the hostel. It was good to hear our familiar hymn tunes sung in another tongue.

"On Sunday morning I walked with Emma to a heathen Sunday school, and a little boy approached us with a homemade guitar made from a Marvelube tin, some boards, and three strings. He was too shy to play it, but another older boy of the Sunday school sat down beside me under the trees and played very well. children, many of them herd boys who had their nearby, found singing a pleasure, and it was an tunity to reach them with the saving Gospel. So these children had run home to their kraals to sack to wrap around them for clothing.

"Sunday after the morning worship service wa ther League time at Entumeni. There, one hu young people gathered and sang with their hea well as their voices. They gave part of their pr in English, although the three topics were in Zulu choir sang several numbers, including 'O Tha Lord Would Guide My Ways.'

"On Monday morning I visited the school and the children sing once more. Even the first grad sang in harmony, and they all sang by memory. ard Six sang the South African national anthem Standard Five sang 'Win the World for Christ,' to me was very significant coming from one mission groups.

"It is good to know that many at home are p for these people who are under severe testings and tations; it is good to know that our missionari upheld in prayer so that greater harmony can from the hearts of our Zulu people—the harmon can come only in knowing Christ as Savior and

From Dr. Erling Hestenes we have received n tion that the new hospital at Hlabisa will be de December 5. This hospital has been a project Women's Missionary Federation of our Church many friends throughout our Church have given gifts that have helped to erect and equip this insti Superintendent Carl Otte will deliver the ded address and will conduct the ceremony of ded Several government officials will be present to gi cial greetings.

Hongkong

From Hongkong we have word that evangelisti begun by our mission in an area northeast of t port that is called Old Kowloon, has develope prisingly fast. Evangelistic work was begun j months ago, and the attendance has outgrown homes and is now definitely hampered for lack o Pastor Anderson writes, "It is urgent that we premises this year." He is, therefore, asking for vance of money budgeted for capital investme 1954 so that some property can be leased, suita church services.

/hom God Hath Sent

Harold B. Kildahl

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
December 20, 1953
Text: John 3:22-36

re is but one story the Church can tell—only one
g the Church can sing; it is the story in word and
g of Him whom God hath sent, the Savior of the
s of men—our Lord, the Babe of Bethlehem.

was that same realization that was near the heart
ohn the Baptist, who might have claimed heroism
himself, or the acclaim of men, but who, in devo-
to the mission for which he was sent, lifted his
d and joined his hand with his voice as he declared,
hold the Lamb of God"—Him whom God hath
. That is the story of the Church in every genera-
, beginning back in Eden and Ur, continuing in
promises believed by men as they anticipated the
ing of Christ, handed on from mouth to mouth,
rded on scrolls and leading shepherds and wise
n to the manger in Bethlehem. "Him whom God
h sent" was the testimony of seer and saint, of angels
the cherubic hosts. And it lodged in the soul of
n.

The message of the Lord must also lodge in your
l, friend—for it is the soul God looketh upon—it
the soul Christ came to save. If the song of the
urch and the story it tells of Jesus—the beloved
n of God, the Christ with power, who giveth life to
n—lodges in your soul, then your every hour of
ry day will be given to the echo of the testimony of
in as you lift your voice to declare the glory of Him
om God hath sent.

Life is but the passing of few years. Youthful years
long—they stretch forward with eagerness. The
rs of man pass swiftly, and as they pass they gather
best of what is spent, to preserve it for another day.
e years of age are like swift running water rushing
ward the sea, and soon life is ended. What then? He
o trusts in Him whom God hath sent shall live
ever. That is what God has been saying from the
ginning.

We remember John. We see him as a gaunt figure
iding across the days that are recorded—and then
is gone. We remember him—not because he was
t into prison, not because he was beheaded. We re-
mber him because in faithfulness to his cause he
red the souls of men with the herald's cry and
ected them to Him whom God hath sent.

Would it not be well, friend, and the greatest gift
t you could give, if to your children and friends this
ristmas time you, like John, would faithfully sing
d tell the story of Jesus and His love—Him whom
d hath sent? Amen.

Ministry of Music

Oscar Overby

Announcement has gone out to the choir directors, especially to those in the territory surrounding the Twin Cities, that a Choral Union chorus is to be formed to sing at the closing session of the all-church Evangelism Conference, scheduled for the Minneapolis Armory, January 20-24, 1954. We realize that the Christmas season with its extra demands on the church choirs will again occupy their time and energies—and that is as it should be—but we believe that if the Choral Union songs are given a review now and then in the regular rehearsals before Christmas, and then brought in for a timely change after the holidays, the massed chorus singing at the Armory on Sunday evening, January 24, will prove a happy climax to the season of song.

Since the Choral Union is an organization of all the choirs in the ELC, young and old, from all parts of the Church, all singers who can attend the rehearsal at 6:00 P.M. at the Armory on January 24 are urgently invited to join the chorus. The onward march of the Church with its message of salvation, joy, and victory, as it is now gaining tempo under the new Evangelism outreach, has a pulse, a pitch definitely akin to music—the rhythm of song. There can be no doubt about it, we are called to make our faith, our message articulate while it is yet day. And massed chorus singing has a unique power to penetrate the hard surfaces to bring that message with its light into dark places. We shall need a large chorus at the Evangelism Conference, one schooled in the techniques, the power and beauty of art, that it may be adequate for the great spiritual assignments of that day. We shall have to rely again on our choir leaders for help in preparing singers and priming them for this opportunity. Procure copies of the following songs, and make plans to join the chorus on January 24. All numbers are appropriate for Sunday services; some were used at Moorhead; others are familiar to the singers. All songs are available at Augsburg Publishing House.

THE SONGS

I Love the Church. Sateren. Messenger Press 832
O Sacred Head. Arr. Christiansen. Augsburg 75
Make a Joyful Noise Unto God. Glarum. H & McC. 1682
Dayspring of Eternity. Arr. Christiansen. Aug. 55
My God, How Wonderful. Arr. Overby. Augsburg 1097
Thy Kingdom Come, O Lord. Christiansen. Aug. 209

Place: Minneapolis Armory

Time: January 24—6:00 P.M., rehearsal; 8:00 P.M. The Choral Union sings.

TOWARD THE SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

The Lesson: Psalm 16:5-11

The Gospel: Luke 2:2

Monday, December 21

GRACE UPON GRACE

Read John 1:1-18

And from his fulness have we all received, grace upon grace.

In Christ, God has poured out upon man all the riches of His grace. The story of the life of the child of God is the same from beginning to end: grace heaped upon grace. As the ocean waves roll in upon the shore one after another, so, too, the grace of God continually rolls into our lives, wave upon wave. One can no more exhaust the grace of God than one could exhaust God. Here is forgiveness for every sin, riches for all the poor, consolation for all sorrow, and strength for every weakness. Paul said, "By the grace of God I am what I am. . . ." The story of his life, as of the life of every Christian is the story of what God's grace in Christ is able to do. It can change life for time and eternity. What can be more thrilling than to hear this good news? Grant that His grace may not be bestowed upon you in vain.

Make us, O God, as eager to receive as Thou art to give. Amen.

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Tuesday, December 22

LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

Read Isaiah 9:1-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

The Christmas season in the section of the world in which we live coincides with the season of the year when the hours of darkness are the longest. And yet, when we think of Christmas, we think at once in terms of light, joy, and happiness. Homes and towns glitter with lights and festive decorations. Instead of being a dark and gloomy part of the year, it is the brightest and happiest season of all. While all this light and glitter may not stem from a true appreciation of Christmas, it does come as a beautiful reminder to us of that True Light that shone into a dark world that first Christmas night when Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Yes, Christmas is a season of light. Isaiah saw it in faith, and we see it in Jesus, the Light of the world. May He shine into your hearts this Yuletide season.

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Wednesday, December 23

CHRISTMAS AND THE CRO

Read Isaiah 53:1-12

He was despised and rejected by a man of sorrows, and acquainted grief.

God's great gift to the world wa spised and rejected by those to whom gift was given. King Herod sough kill Him as a child. The people of N reth sought to murder Him when began His ministry among them, in temple in Jerusalem the people picke stones to throw at Him, His enemies stantly plotted new ways to rid the w of this man they could not tolerate, at last all the pent up hate and fur man was released against Him as He on the Cross as an outlawed crimina is His birthday we are about to obs The One who came to make Himself offering for sin. Let us never this Ch mas get far away from the purpose the meaning of Christ's coming. For he who has stood at Golgotha can r ly adore the child in the manger.

Dear God, may we never forget costliness of Thy gift to us. Amen.

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Thursday, December 24

THE INCARNATION

Read Matthew 1:18-25

"Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

Matthew introduces this section of his Gospel with these words: "Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way." He does not concern himself with the physical setting of the birth or the birth itself, but rather with the identity of the One who is born. Both Mary and Joseph were informed by an angel beforehand that the child to be born was the result of the creative work of the Spirit of God. Both had been told that the child was to be named "Jesus." Our hearts become still and filled with awe this Christmas Eve when we understand that there in the manger in Bethlehem lies the Son of God. The eternal Word made flesh. What a mystery of divine grace— "God with us."

Dear Jesus, we worship Thee, Thou Son of the Living God, our Savior. Amen.

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Friday, December 25

WHY CHRISTMAS?

Read Matthew 2:1-10

"Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him."

Why Christmas? Why do we set aside a day which we observe as the birthday of Jesus? For what purpose should this day be used? Some people use Christmas as a day for family gatherings, others devote the day to feasting and gifts, and still others look upon Christmas as a day especially dedicated to making children happy. Now any day in the year could be set aside for these purposes. The Wise Men from the East expressed the purpose of their coming in these words: "We have come to worship Him." That is the primary purpose of Christmas Day—that we might gather as believers in worship of our Lord. Our greeting to one another this day should be, "O come, let us hasten to worship the Lord." Let worship have priority on this holy day.

Dear Jesus, help us to use this day rightly as we worship Thee in our homes and in our churches. Amen.

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Saturday, December 26

GOD'S ETERNAL FOOTNOT

Read Matthew 2:11-23

"Rise, take the child and his mo and go to the land of Israel, for who sought the child's life are dead

Everything seemed to be on the of Herod when he set out to kill the king who had been born. He had power to act and no scruples about he did. In one terrible purge of bloo sought to destroy the Christ. But few years the history of Herod is c pleted with this terse comment, "t who sought the child's life are de Herod was not the last to marshal forces in an attempt to destroy C and His Kingdom. Our generation witnessed some of the most drea purges of all history. Hitler and S used the tremendous power at their posal to destroy Christianity. Hitle dead. Stalin is dead. Christ's King remains. We do not know how m chapters in the history of the world main to be written. But at the end each chapter will be this eternal foot— —"those who sought the child's life dead."

ere and There on the Christian Front

Edited by Raymond M. Olson

I CURTAIN RCHMEN EXPECTED

ch leaders from behind the Iron in are expected to attend the l Council of Churches Assembly anston next year, reported Dr. A. Visser 't Hooft of Geneva, erland, who is in this country to lt with church leaders on prepa- s for the Assembly. He empha- that all delegates from Commu- reas are "wholly identified with hurch." "While the international ion may change and new tensions op," he said, "I can say that if the were held this day, we would ten delegates from East Germany, from Hungary, and four from oslovakia."

TH AFRICAN RACE TIONS CONFERENCE

otestant race relations conference been attended by representatives incipal denominations and mis- y societies in South Africa, at the tion of the Federal Missionary cil of the Dutch Reformed ch. At the conference the govern- s apartheid policy was criticized, nly by Anglican, Methodist, and regational representatives, but by g Dutch Reformed churchmen. e surprise position of the latter is expected to have far-reaching in political, social, and religious , for the influence of the Dutch med Church in all phases of African life is considerable. heid has been acclaimed time gain from Dutch Reformed pul- The Church and Prime Minister 's regime have been regarded as l allies.

of the Dutch Reformed leaders B. B. Keet of the Stellenbosch ogical Seminary, who called for deal in South African race re- , saying, "The fact that Chris- eologians on all sides are agreed partheid is not the model for a an community should be enough Do we think that color preju- not a sin?"

TREND TOWARD TITHING

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The Women's Guild of the Evangelical and Reformed Church heard a report at its third quadrennial meeting which said that suppers and bazaars were being replaced in local churches by co-operation in the Fellowship of Tithers, authorized by the E and R General Synod in 1950. The tithers apply the Biblical plan of setting aside at least a tenth of all income for the Lord's work. Shown at the meeting are, left to right: Mrs. E. Roy Corman of Pittsburgh, Pa., retiring president of the Guild; Dr. Paul E. Deitz of St. Louis, Mo., and Mrs. Abe S. Schade of Irwin, Pa.

PRIORITY TO INDIA AND PAKISTAN

Priority for the next four years has been given to work in India and Pakistan by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the USA at its annual meeting. The secretary for India and Pakistan, Dr. J. LeRoy Dodds, had stressed the urgency of increasing Christian activity in these lands during the years preceding India's next general election, in 1957. "Changes in India are coming at a dizzy pace," he said, "and what is now a silent revolution could become a violent revolution if the Communists win control."

The board's general secretary, Dr. Charles T. Leber, supported the position of Dr. Dodds as he pointed out that two relatively small minorities, the Christians and the Communists, are struggling for the destiny of India, and it may well be one of these minorities which holds the balance.

The priority program will be aimed at developing strong Christian work programs among India's hundreds of thousands of university students who

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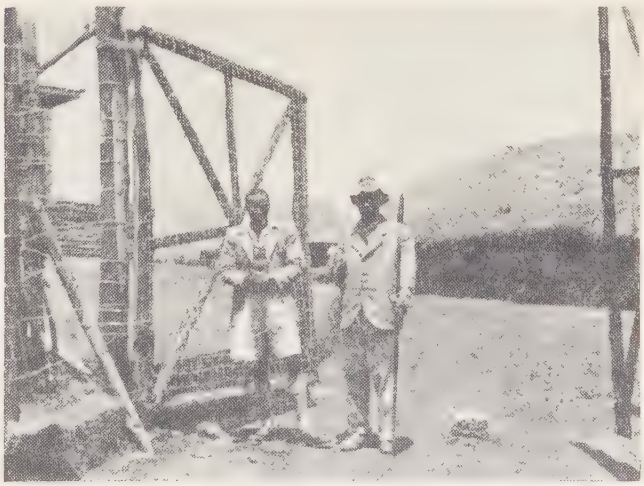

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An armed native stands guard against the Mau Mau terrorist organization at the entrance to the fortified compound of the African Christian Church mission school at Kituru, a village at the fringe of Kenya's Aberdare Forests. With him is William Kikemia, who is in charge of the mission school. The compound, which provides a sanctuary at night for the frightened native women and children, is surrounded by barbed wire pinned on sharp-pointed stakes. This compound is only one of the mission areas in the territory which have taken steps to protect themselves against the terrorist activities of the Mau Mau.

NEGRO IS WASHINGTON LAYMAN OF YEAR

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Woolsey W. Hall of Washington, D.C., a member of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. (second right), was presented with the Layman of the Year Award by the Washington Federation of Churches. Shown at the presentation are left to right: The Rev. DeWitt Miller, chairman of the award committee; Dr. Edward L. R. Elson, president of the Federation; Mr. Hall; and Dr. F. E. Reissig, executive secretary of the Federation. Mr. Hall retired from the U. S. Treasury in 1949 after 46 years of service. He is the second Negro layman to receive the award in the Federation's 18-year history.

are the country's future leaders, rural church service, lay leadership, accelerated production of Christian literature, and Christian social action.

CIO LEADERS DISCUSS LABOR-CHURCH INTERESTS

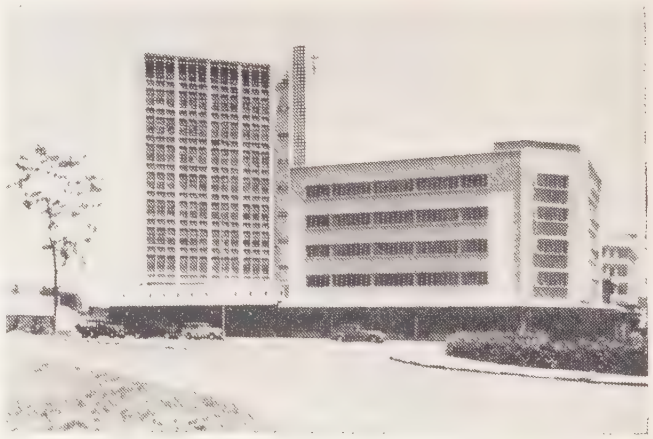
The Churches and the free trade union movement have many things in common, according to John V. Riffe, executive vice-president of the CIO, and Victor Reuther, assistant to his brother, CIO president Walter Reuther, who spoke at a meeting sponsored by the department of church and economic life of the National Council of Churches in Cleveland. Mr. Reuther spoke of labor, agriculture, education, and the Church as facing a common threat by groups which are attacking their leaders as subversives. This threat, he said, should be met by joint consultations on the problem and a program of common action.

Mr. Riffe said that labor seeks "to make this a better world to live in by organizing better, stronger unions which can sit down at the bargaining table with management and point out that the income situation is out of balance." He urged that ministers urge church members to take an active part in union affairs, asserting, "With Christian men and women leading unions we can settle our differences with employers without bitterness and hatred."

WORTHY OF NOTE . . .

The State Church of Norway has ... tioned the sale of Gospels in mag... format, with modern illustrations. ... Gospel according to St. Mark i... first to be published. . . . Thou... of native children chanted hym... Sylvanus Kaaya, a former Luth... mission boy, became the first Chr... chief of the Wameru tribe of Ta... yika. . . . The first cathedral t... built in the modern history of No... is being planned for the city of I... center of a new bishopric create... year. It will replace a parish ch... destroyed during the last war. . . . Vatican Radio has charged that Y... slavia authorities have resorted to... slander, pressure, and even ph... attacks on bishops to get priests t... the new pro-government clerical ... ciation in Croatia. Reports of the... meeting of the association said ... 500 priests attended. . . . Prote... churches in New York City ... where Puerto Ricans are settling ... little to welcome them, less to dis... their needs and help meet them, ... still less to evangelize the unchurch... reports the New York City M... Society.

MISSION SKYSCRAPER HEADQUARTERS



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This skyscraper building is the new headquarters in Kenya of the Church Miss... Society, largest missionary organization of the Church of England. When the Societ... first established, nearly 57 years ago, it occupied a modest wooden hut. The miss... group, which has sent out numerous expeditions into the interior of the "dark cont... established a mission six miles north of Nairobi, Kenya Colony, in 190... Society had mission compounds throughout Kenya. In an effort to counteract the ter... of the Mau Maus in Kikuyuland, the CMS has launched a rehabilitation program f... Kikuyu Christians, who have been the principal target of the anti-white organizatio...

ıe Augsburg Annuals

Reviewed by the Editor

Vesterheimen, Edited by Her- E. Jorgensen.

h year, when we write a brief re- of the two Augsburg annuals are in the Norwegian language, el a twinge of regret because rela- few of the members of our h read Norwegian. The material ned in them is so very fine that ovets for all his friends the privi- of enjoying them. On the other it is a source of gratitude that are available in the language is still so dear to many of our people.

Vesterheimen continues on the nigh plane, both as to literature rt, which it has occupied through e long years. It shares some of t with Haugan's *Christmas:* the the frontispiece, and a full-col- roduction of Carlo Dolci's "Ma- in Adoration." In addition, it many fine photographs of its many fine pictures from Nor- and not a little good art work ating the text material. Add to lustrations beautiful typography, ou have a volume of real beauty. always, this reviewer finds the st satisfaction in the historical quasi-historical articles and stor- sketch by the sainted "Formann ne," for years the president of United Norwegian Lutheran h (now a part of The Evangel- Lutheran Church), gets place er one with us. The Norwegian es is not the language of today, Editor Jorgensen wisely left it as s. It is a gripping story of Chris- ourage on the part of Hoyme's ts and himself. N. J. Njus' "Fra e tider" ("From Days Gone may be called fictionized pioneer y. What a repository for treasure our past *Jul i Vesterheimen* has ne! We shall not detail the rest e material; it is rich and varied. lo take special note of a lovely story by Mary N. Wee, widow e late beloved Dr. M. O. Wee of Luther Theological Seminary—a name that means much to us.

Price of *Jul i Vesterheimen* is $1.25.

Next we turn to *Folkekalender 1954,* which is again edited by the Rev. Olaf Holen. Our comment is confined to the 64 pages of material which differs from the material in *Lutheran Year Book 1954.* We have repeatedly called attention to Pastor Holen's editorial policy which he consistently follows year after year. It is, in brief, to give as much good devotional material as possible—usually in short articles and sketches. No less than 18 such items are included this year. The reviewer was especially happy to note that the New Year's meditation is by our dear friend and father in Christ, Dr. T. O. Burntvedt, president of the Lutheran Free Church. He is known to tens of thousands of ELC folks as a sterling Christian leader. Some of us who have been thrown together with him frequently in the current merger negotiations have come to know him as a valued Christian friend and brother. He honors the ELC by writing the meditation in this year's *Folkekalender.*

A slightly new departure this year includes more articles of a practical nature—some dealing specifically with the mission work of the ELC, others with subjects of general Christian nature. Pastor Holen has enlisted some of the men who know these matters intimately. There are also a number of fine articles by men from the Scandinavian countries.

The price of *Folkekalender* is 50c.

Finally, there is *Lutheran Yearbook 1954,* edited by Pastors T. P. Solem, now professor of theology at Luther Theological Seminary, Saskatoon, and O. H. Hove, general secretary of the ELC. About 80 pages give the formal almanac material which is included also in *Folkekalender:* Officials, functionaries, and boards of the Church, its institutions and agencies; faculties of the schools and colleges, the Clergy Roster; and a geographical list of congregations (by states), giving name, location, baptized membership, and pastor's name.

Not a little of the material in the remaining 96 pages is also of a statistical and informational nature: size of the Church and comparative church statistics; pastors ordained and pastors deceased (both with pictures); and so on.

The plan of the volume is excellent. Under "The State of the Church," in addition to the statistics, are the following sections: "Departments," "Auxiliaries," "Activities," and "Clergy."

In other words, the chief purpose of the volume is to give *information.* That might be deadly dull, but it isn't. It is distinctly interesting and alive. And such information is devotional, too.

We do not see how any member family of the ELC can be without *Lutheran Yearbook 1954.* It is an invaluable adjunct to the church papers and other materials from our beloved Church which should be in every home.

The price is 50c.

Dr. Jorgensen

Pastor Holen

Pastor Solem

Schools and Colleges

Edited by the Department of Higher Education

The third Sunday in Advent, December 13, is a unique day in our colleges this year. For on that day, every college campus will resound with the voices of great choirs, and the music of mighty organs, string ensembles, and trumpets. Christmas concerts climax months of preparation and practice and fittingly sing praises and thanks to God for the gift of His Infant Son.

This page of the LUTHERAN HERALD is dedicated to an account of the observance of Christmas in the colleges of our Church.

Christmas Vespers, the annual concert at *Augustana College* in Sioux Falls, will be given Sunday and Monday, December 13 and 14. The Augustana College choir, chapel choir, and symphony orchestra combine to present the program of Christmas music.

Cathedral chimes, a string ensemble, and a brass quartette will play several Christmas carols to begin vespers. Dr. L. M. Stavig, college president, will read the Christmas Gospel.

The Augustana College choir under the direction of Dr. A. J. Running, and the chapel choir, under the direction of Professor Merle Pflueger, will each sing a group of numbers, and the two choirs will join in the singing of one number. Professor Richard J. Guderyahn conducts the orchestra, which will play several selections and accompany the choirs in the combined number.

At *Concordia College* in Moorhead, Minnesota, the annual Christmas concert will be given three consecutive evenings in the new gymnasium-auditorium. Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, December 12, 13, and 14 are the dates set for this year's concerts.

Designed and produced by the Art and Music departments of Concordia College, the program features Christmas music performed by the college music organizations under the direction of Professor Paul J. Christiansen. Professor C. M. Running and his art students prepare the stage settings and general decorations.

The fiftieth presentation of Handel's "Messiah" on December 13 will usher in the Christmas season at *Luther College*. More than 325 students will blend their voices in the strains of the time-honored oratorio. The chorus and a forty-piece orchestra will be under the direction of Professor Weston H. Noble.

The "Messiah" has become the traditional Christmas concert at Luther College in recent years. The oratorio was first directed at Luther College by Dr. Carlo A. Sperati, who directed the work innumerable times during his 38 years as a member of the music faculty.

As a prelude to the anniversary performance more than 150 Luther students sang in the All-Lutheran Benefit "Messiah," which was presented in the Minneapolis Auditorium, November 29. The chorus, which was directed by Professor Weston Noble, was made up of 1,150 voices and was heard by more than ten thousand people.

The Chapel-Music-Speech building at *Pacific Lutheran College* in Parkland, Washington, will be the setting for the annual Christmas concert on December 13.

Three college musical organizations will participate in the singing and playing of familiar and new Yuletide music. The groups include: "The Choir of the West," under the direction of Professor Gunnar J. Malmin; the chorus, Professor R. Byard Fritts, conductor; and the concert band, under the baton of Professor Robert Larson. Prof. Frederick Newnham of the music faculty will sing a group of baritone solos. Prof. Fritts will be at the organ for the singing of carols by the audience.

An annual Christmas tradition at PLC is the dramatic presentation of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." With John Rydgren, Seattle senior, playing the role of Scrooge, the play will be given December 16 Chapel-Music-Speech building ceeds from the production are to some charitable institution Church.

The Wondrous Revelation"—th lation of God's love through the Child—will be the theme of this *St. Olaf College* Christmas con be given four consecutive even the college auditorium, Decemb 13, 14, and 15.

Three choral groups—the St Choir, the Manitou Singers, a Viking Chorus—will each sing dividual groups, as a massed and in a number of antiphona tions.

The audience will sing a nu carols, including one in Norw accompanied by the college orc

A carol which has not been for some time, "Lullaby on Chr Eve" by F. Melius Christiansen be sung this year by the Choi program will also include a var foreign Christmas carols.

New selections this year i compositions by Olaf Christ "Sing Noel, Sing Gloria," and Kenneth Jennings, "O Little To Bethlehem," sung under Jennin rection by the Manitou Singers

Traditional Christmas musi Scripture will be featured in t nual *Waldorf College* Christma gram in the Forest City Civic torium on Sunday and Monda nings, December 13 and 14, o'clock. Crowds which more filled the Auditorium in former have made it necessary to prese program on two evenings inst one.

The Waldorf Choir, under t rection of Odvin Hagen, an Chapel Choir directed by David char, will sing several numbers

Several tableaux depicting n scenes in the Christmas story wi vide a background for the music gram. A verse Choir directed b Florence Welsh will read Chr Scripture and the College Band Selmer Dahl will play a Prelu Christmas Carols and excerpts Handel's "Messiah."

iversary at Christ Church

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ist Lutheran Church is the only downtown Lu- Church in the city of St. Paul. As such, it min- not only to the established membership of the egation but to a large transient and semi-transient ation. It is the meeting place for a number of Lutheran activities, including the St. Paul Lu- Council's teacher training program. Located just the street from the Minnesota State Capitol, it as opportunity to minister to state office workers and to Representatives and Senators during legislative sessions. A year ago the church began a Sunday school for the mentally retarded which has gained nation-wide recognition. It is the second such school in Minnesota.

The speakers at the 85th anniversary festivities were Dr. J. W. Ylvisaker and Pastor O. H. Hove, who spoke at the anniversary banquet, Pastor Alton Christensen, who preached at the children's service, Dr. N. M. Ylvisaker, who delivered the sermon at the festival service, and Pastor Clarence Lee, who spoke at the Sunday afternoon program.

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ONS

Rev. K. J. Helgesen, pastor at Effington, S. Dak., has accepted to Riverside Lutheran Church, n, Minn. He began his work the early part of December.

Rev. Luther S. Borgen has re- as pastor of Bethlehem Luther- urch, Portland, Ore., and has ac- a call from the ELC Board of Missions to establish a new con- ion in Eau Claire, Wis. He will his work at Eau Claire in Jan-

Rev. Stanley Gunsten of Bend, has accepted a call to Emmanuel ran Church in Bremerton, Wash. December 6 **the Rev. and Mrs. Bragstad** and their children were ed guests at a supper sponsored e Wisconsin Lutheran Student lation at Madison, Wis. On De- r 13 Pastor Bragstad will be in- as campus pastor at the tradi- candlelighting service. The Rev. d R. Heiges will be the speaker, he Rev. F. I. Schmidt, vice-presi- of the Eastern District of the as the installing clergyman.

Rev. Thomas Lee, missionary na, addressed the Hosford-Chase f the American Legion in Me- ie, Wis., on Nov. 10, warning the "prevailing indifference of erage American over against the s of Communism." Pastor Lee en presented with a citation for orious service to God and coun- ove and beyond the call of duty, hristian missionary to China."

L. E. Kleppe, widow of the late . E. Kleppe, died Nov. 17 at the of her daughter, Mrs. Ray N. , of Humboldt, Iowa. Obituary pear in a later issue.

Rev. Joel Dobbe, Ames, Iowa, signed to accept the call to become pastor of a congregation to be organized in an inter-cultural and inter-racial area in the city of Milwaukee, Wis. He will begin his work there the early part of February.

Chaplain Richard D. Vangerud has recently completed six weeks of training at the Chaplain School in New York, and he and Mrs. Vangerud are now living at Camp Polk, Louisiana.

The Rev. Olaf M. Hanson was installed in the parish at Baudette, Minn. on Nov. 15. Later a reception was held by the congregation for the new pastor and his wife. He will serve the Wabanica, First Lutheran, and Clementson churches.

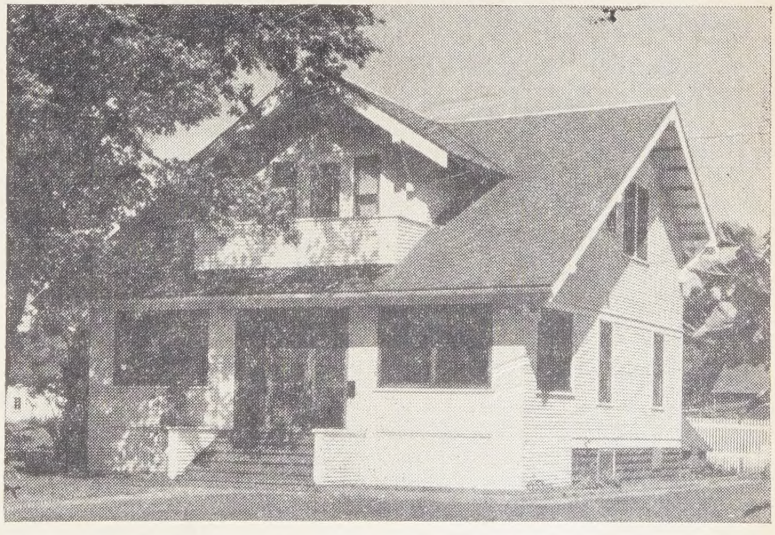
The Rev. C. Markus Svaren, Sherman, S. Dak., was installed as pastor of the Highland Lutheran Church of Sherman on Nov. 22 by district president L. A. Pierson. Highland Church was formerly a part of the Jasper, Minn., parish, but now through parish realignment has become a part of the Sherman parish. The other congregations of this parish are First Lutheran and St. Paul.

DISTRICTS

Eastern

Park Falls, Wis. Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Robert E. Crofton, pastor, had its first all-day mission festival Sunday, Nov. 29. The Rev. Edward Sovik, former missionary to China, spoke about mission work in China, Formosa, and Japan; the local children's choir and the Calvary Lutheran choir of Woodruff-Minocqua brought

RURAL WISCONSIN PARISH HAS NEW PARSONAGE



Little Norway-Squaw Creek parish, a rural parish near Black River Falls, Wis., had its new parsonage dedicated Sunday afternoon, Oct. 11, by Dr. Martin Anderson, president of the Eastern District. At the same service the paid-up mortgage on the parsonage was burned. Pastor of this parish since July, 1952, has been the Rev. Arne R. Carlson.

special music, and the movie, "Malagasy Story," was shown.

Canada

Hanley, Sask. On Oct. 4 the golden anniversary of Hanley Lutheran Church was celebrated with many friends from far and near in attendance. Dr. Olaf Storaasli spoke at the morning service, and Mr. G. Loken, principal of the high school at LCBI, was guest speaker in the afternoon. Special tribute was paid to pioneer members of the congregation also during the afternoon festivities. Dr. Mars Dale spoke in the evening regarding the various mission fields open to the ELC. Albert Olson is pastor of the congregation.

Lake Alma, Sask. Five days of special services during the early fall marked the official dedication of Saron Lutheran Church. Among the speakers were Pastors T. J. Langley, A. M. Vinge, Milton Rude, and Dr. Mars A. Dale. A. N. Solheim is the pastor.

North Dakota

Berthold, N. Dak. At Thanksgiving Day services over forty-five new members were received into the Berthold parish, nearly all of whom were new to the ELC roster. One of the churches of the parish, St. John's Lutheran of Carpio, also had a 100 per cent subscription to **Lutheran Herald** during the recent campaign.

Pacific

Cathlamet, Wash. Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Puget Island, celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary Nov. 6-8. It began with a harvest festival on Friday evening, the 6th, at which time Mrs. Ray Tobiason, Pacific District WMF president, spoke. On Sunday morning the Rev. Theodore Gulhaugen of Sacramento, Calif., a former pastor of the congregation, preached the sermon on the anniversary theme: "Jesus Only." The anniversary service and confirmation reunion were the same afternoon, with Pastor C. O. Larson and Pastor O. K. Blomlie bringing the addresses. Mrs. Peter S. Vik, local WMF historian, was in charge of arrangements.

Anchorage, Alaska. A painting of Christ has been presented to Central Lutheran Church, A. Herbert Mjorud, pastor, in memory of Viola Larson and Gilda Jordet, who lost their lives in a sea disaster in the English Channel last May. The painting is by George Ahgupuk, a local artist.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Euphemia Strandjord

Mrs. Euphemia Strandjord, daughter of Jacob and Selma Tillisch, was born July 10, 1871, in Renville County, Minn. She was baptized and confirmed by the Rev. Johannes Berg, a pioneer pastor. On Nov. 28, 1890, she was united in marriage to Nils Strandjord, with Pastor Bergh officiating at the ceremony. They established their home on a farm two miles east of Belview, Minn., and here their three children were born. During the early 1900's they also lived for a short time in Lucan, Minn.

Nils and Euphemia Strandjord were charter members of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Belview and held membership there until they moved to Minneapolis in 1921, when they became members of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

On Nov. 21, 1953, after a lingering illness, Mrs. Strandjord passed away quietly in her sleep. Funeral services were held Nov. 23, with the Rev. Alf M. Kraabel preaching the sermon; and at Belview, Minn., with the R E. Norson in charge. The Rev. Harang also spoke at this servi

Survivors include her three ch Pastor S. J. Strandjord of St. Iowa; her daughter, Mrs. Da Hough, Minneapolis; and Mr. Strandjord, assistant principal at velt High School, Minneapolis; grandchildren, four great-gra and one great-granddaughter. brothers and one sister also re mourn her passing. Mr. Stra died May 16, 1940.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Eve services will be cast from Trinity Lutheran C Yankton, S. Dak., from ele twelve p.m. on station WNA on your dial. Services will b ducted by the Rev. A. L. Abrah pastor of the church, and John son, student intern. Mrs. L. A. will direct the choirs, and Mrs. W. Petersen will be organist.

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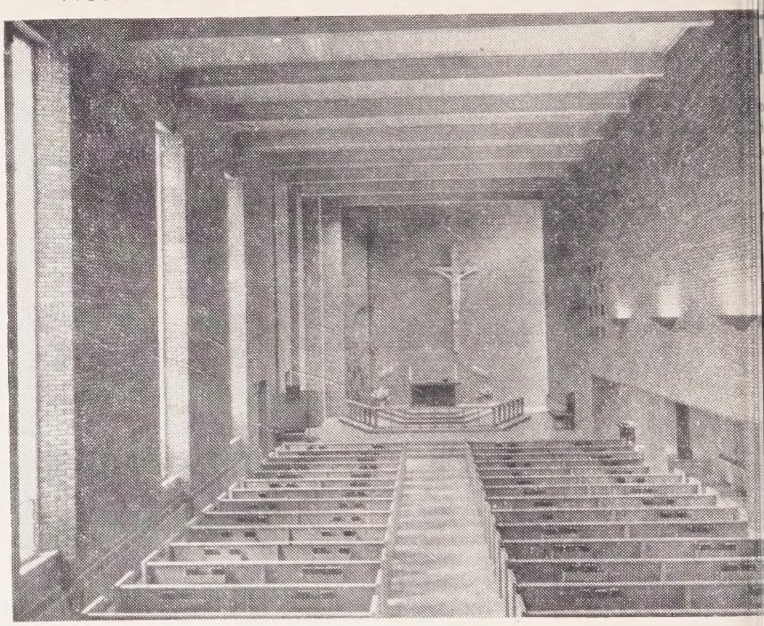

Our Saviour's Church, Hibbing, Minn., parish of the Rev. J. T. Stolee, dedicated its new $215,000 church Sept. 27, observing at the same time the 50th anniversary of its founding as a congregation. Speakers were: Dr. A. E. Hanson, president of the Northern Minnesota District; President Granskou of St. Olaf College; President Knutson and the Rev. S. D. Fauske of Concordia College; the Rev. Robert Peterson of Virginia; and Dr. Morris Wee of Duluth. The new c which has a normal seating capa 400, is of modern functional The altar and font are of locally quarried. The rear chanc is of native wood and forms a setting for the crucified Lord in oak. A 22-foot illuminated num cross topping the 64-foot can be seen from a great distance particularly at night.

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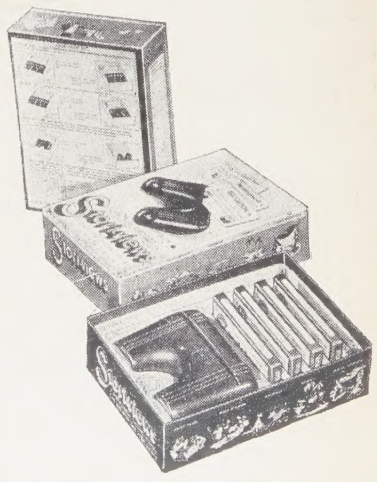

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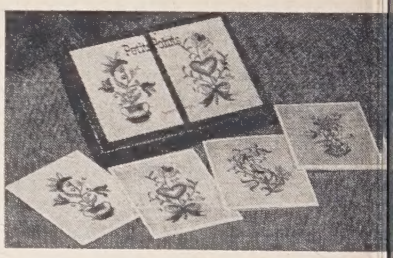

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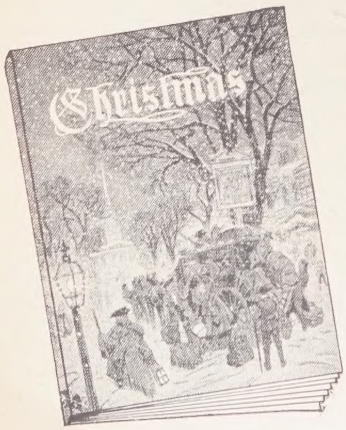

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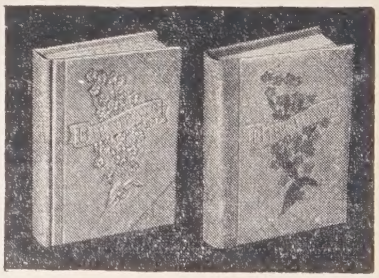

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